

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8

EXECUTIVE ORDER EXEMPTING CERTAIN CARRIERS FROM SIZE AND WEIGHT REGULATIONS
UNDER MONTANA LAW IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN RELIEF EFFORTS DUE TO EMERGENCY
CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSED BY SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS IN KANSAS

WHEREAS, the state of Kansas has been severely impacted as a result of extreme weather, including tornados, hail, high winds, and flooding, causing loss of life, personal injury, and excessive damage to businesses and homes; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius has declared a state of disaster emergency in over thirty counties in Kansas due to the severe weather and resulting damage; and

WHEREAS, the state of Kansas is attempting to expedite restoration of services and relief in the affected areas with assistance from FEMA and surrounding states; and

WHEREAS, utility companies are moving generators, transmission poles, and other essential items from sites around the country; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Kansas are awaiting the trailers, generator shipments, utility poles, shelters, and critical care sites so that assistance can be offered; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sebelius has issued an Executive Order in Kansas lifting load limits and other regulatory provisions on Kansas highways, and has asked fellow Governors to issue similar executive orders to help expedite Kansas-bound loads moving through their states; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Montana Department of Transportation has requested me to issue an Executive Order to exempt certain vehicles from the size and weight limits imposed under Montana law to assist in the response effort as a result of the emergency circumstances in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, emergency circumstances in Kansas warrant that the requested relief be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, and specifically Mont. Code Ann. § 61-10-111, do hereby exempt carriers transporting supplies, agricultural or other products, or equipment destined for disaster recovery efforts in Kansas from the size and weight limits imposed under Mont. Code Ann. Title 61, chapter 10, part 1. This Executive Order does not relieve carriers from compliance with Administrative Rules of Montana 18.8.510A, 18.8.510B, 18.8.511A, and 18.8.511B.

This Order is effective upon signing and expires on June 3, 2007.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana, this
15th Day of May, 2007.



BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:



BRAD JOHNSON, Secretary of State